

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and according to the discussion on the PBS news broadcast, a possible violation of pre-election programming. The anti-Kerry documentary does not meet the requirements of "news" and so should only be aired as a paid political broadcast.

The FCC is the guardian of fair broadcast practices and should take action in this matter. Also, networks like Fox who have a clear Republican bias should be admonished for slanting the news. I was alarmed to learn that three times as many viewers of the Fox network believed that Iraq was responsible for the 911 attack as compared to viewers of the PBS news hour. Why isn't the FCC concerned?